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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE,
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

Description of proposal: The proposed work includes providing a central, deep-water habitat for fish and aquatic life. Approximately 10-15 feet of sediment would be removed from an area 30-60 feet wide. A clamshell dredge would be used to complete the project. All dredged materials would be disposed of in the open field adjacent to the Morey Pond recreational area (at least 200-300 feet from the ordinary high water mark). Morey Pond is stocked twice a year with rainbow trout. The pond also contains largemouth bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed, and brown bullhead.

Proponent: McChord Air Force Base, Environmental Management, 62 CES/CEVN, 555 a Street, McChord Air Force Base, Washington 98438-1325. Contact person: Ms. Cheryl Dunning.

Location of current proposal: Morey Pond, Adjacent to Perimeter Road, North of Intersection of Outer Drive and Perimeter Road, McChord Air Force Base, Washington, Pierce County; Southwest 1/4 of Section 08, Township 19 North, Range 03 East WM

Title of document being adopted: Morey Pond Deep Water Habitat Restoration on McChord Air Force Base, Washington Environmental Assessment

Agency that prepared document being adopted: McChord Air Force Base

Date adopted document was prepared: August 2, 2000

Description of document (or portion) being adopted: The document is an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a proposed habitat enhancement project to Morey Pond by providing one central, deep-water habitat for fish and Aquatic life. The EA evaluated restoring approximately 220 cubic yards of new underwater habitat.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (197-11-630), please describe:
WDFW is not aware that the document has been challenged.

The document is available to be read at (place/time):

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Natural Resources Building,
5th Floor, Habitat Program, Regulatory Section
1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA
Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Mill Creek, Region 4 Office
16018 Mill Creek Boulevard
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McChord Air Force Base, Environmental Management
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We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Name of agency adopting the document: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental assessment being adopted and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

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Responsible Official: Peter Birch

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DATE OF ISSUE: August 28, 2000 **SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch